

Addendum 3 to RFP No. CEF-567818
For DSN O&M
March 31, 2003

This addendum provides clarifications. No substantive changes have been made to the RFP package released on March 6, 2003. Addendum 3 consists of the items listed below.

1. Questions and Answers

Please acknowledge receipt of Addendum No. 3 in your proposal (i.e., Attachment A-1, ACKNOWLEDGMENT, Item 8).

Question 1.

Re: RFP page 9 of 16, 2.1.1 Technical Aspects of Tasks

The referenced paragraph states, "Describe your plan for accomplishing all technical activities identified in Exhibit 1, TDD." Given the page count limitations, it would be difficult to provide a plan for all technical activities in the TDD. Is it acceptable to provide a plan for accomplishing only those technical activities at a certain TDD level such as the second level, e.g., 2.2 Real Time Operations, or for just the critical tasks that are defined by the offeror? Please advise.

Answer 1.

We expect the proposers to demonstrate their understanding of the effort by addressing the TDD at the appropriate level of detail within the page limit provided.

Question 2.

Technical/Management Instructions, Para 2.1.4.

The requirement asks for our plan for product engineering. Traditional Product Engineering of a technical nature is only accomplished in certain TDD efforts. Please define product engineering, particularly as it applies to all sections of the TDD.

Answer 2

Product engineering applies to discrete efforts that have schedules and identifiable design, hardware, and software deliverables: see TDD Section 4.1, Item 22 and all of Section 4.2.

Question 3.a

Re: RFP, Para 3.2, Updated TDD, Para 3.2.5 Logistical Services

Logistics support to the DSN has been provided in the past by the NASA Logistics Depot in Lanham, MD and the CSOC Contractor in a subsequent effort.

Answer 3.a

The DSN logistics support currently provided by the Logistics Depot in Lanham, MD operated by CSOC will become part of this contract.

Question 3.b

How is funding for vendor repair/reparable replacement provided?

Answer 3.b

Funding will be provided through the normal contract billing process.

Question 3.c

If this effort is a DSN Contractor responsibility, what source data is available from JPL to allow costing of this requirement?

Answer 3.c

Assume that vendor repair and piece parts for each of the overseas sites, i.e., Madrid and Canberra, are the same as for Goldstone. Sample data has already been provided in the Library CDs #1 and #2, such as stores inventory, network spares, Pasadena and Goldstone property lists, and leased equipment list.

Question 3.d

What is the level of contractor responsibility for provision of DSN?

Answer 3.d

As stated in the TDD.

Question 3.e

Piece parts (GDSCC, MDSCC, and CDSCC)?

Answer 3.e

Yes.

Question 3.f

How is funding for these parts provided?

Answer 3.f

See above.

Question 3.g

If this is a DSN Contractor responsibility, what source data is available from JPL to allow a bidder to cost this support requirement?

Answer 3.g

See above.

Question 4

Re: Addendum 2, Response to Question 5

The referenced response indicates that the clarification to the question regarding the meaning of “key positions” was contained in the revised TDD Section 1.7. This TDD Section addresses training and certification for a set of job positions, which we assume are key positions, though the text of this section does not so designate them. The text of the originally referenced paragraph 1.1.1.1 of the Proposal Instructions uses the phrase key positions, but appears to be in regard to management personnel only. Does JPL intend to use this phrase in a larger sense than suggested by Section 1.7? Please clarify which positions are designated key positions.

Answer 4

We expect proposers to identify the positions they consider to be key to accomplishing the proposed work.

Question 5

Re: RFP Article 1, Para D

Do the small business goals apply to the 150,000 hours per year allocated to the Directed Efforts and Tasks (TDD Para 2.4)?

Answer 5

Yes.